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Sir: MAR 1 9 2003 Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application. **Technology Center 2100** Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27. Petition For Extension Of Time Applicants petition for a extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$0.00. Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary. Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee. RECEIVED No additional claim fee is required. Other: MAR 2 4 2003 e claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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